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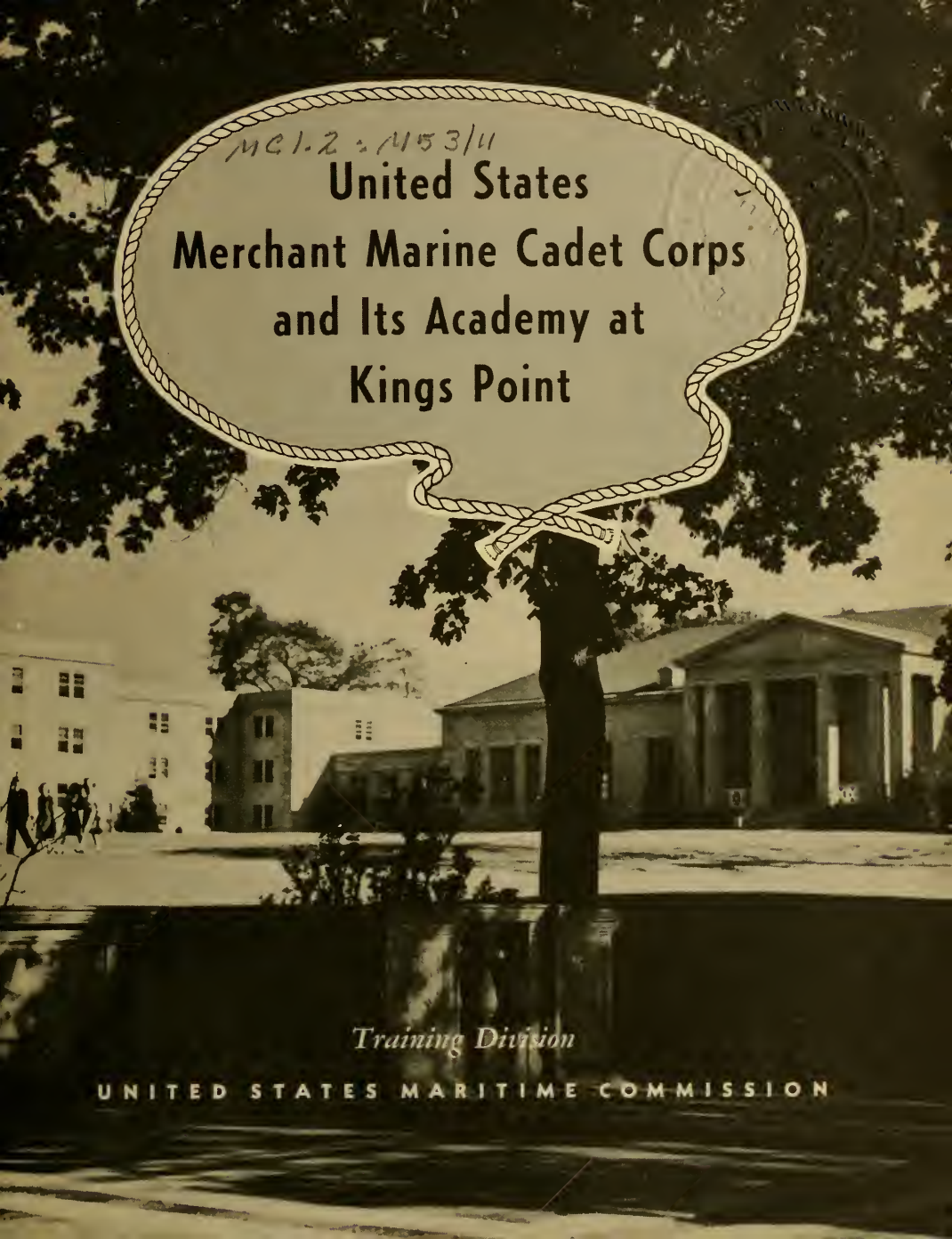
United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps and Its Academy at Kings Point



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SEVERAL thousand aggressive young Americans have availed themselves of the educational and career opportunities offered by the United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps. These young men have obtained a thorough professional training, an excellent educational background, and have gone on to successful careers as ship's officers in the United States Merchant Marine and to responsible positions in the great maritime industry, and Government service.

The United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps was established on March 15, 1938, in keeping with the policy set forth in the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 to develop and maintain a strong Merchant Marine *manned with a trained and efficient citizen personnel*.

It is the objective of the United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps to graduate only those Cadet-Midshipmen who will prove worthy of the traditions of the American Merchant Marine and its officers in the service of their country and its water-borne commerce.

The United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, Long Island, N. Y.

{Above} Third annual Congressional Board of Visitors reviews regiment of Cadet-Midshipmen at Kings Point.

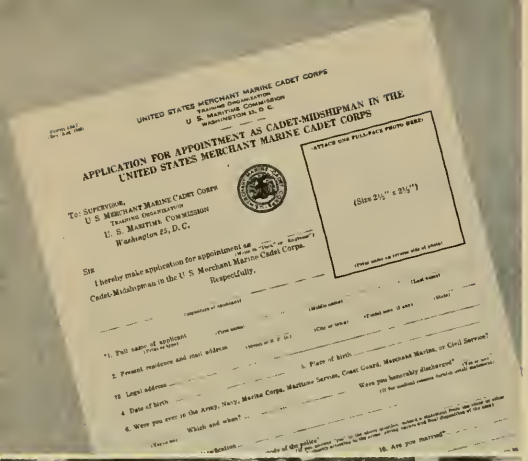
{Below} President Truman signs bill authorizing the granting of Bachelor of Science degree to graduates upon accreditation of Kings Point by Association of American Universities.

THE FIRST STEP

THE purpose of this booklet is to take you briefly, but step by step, along the road traveled by a successful applicant for the United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps. You *TOO* may obtain *a free college education with pay of at least $65 per month plus quarters, subsistence, travel to foreign countries, and an exciting and remunerative career after graduation.*

ADMISSION TO THE CADET CORPS

Candidates for appointment as Cadet-Midshipmen, having been qualified on the basis of the requirements listed on the back cover of this booklet, take competitive scholastic tests which are conducted semiannually by the United States Civil Service Commission at conveniently lo-


UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE CADET CORPS

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS CADET-MIDSHIPMAN IN THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE CADET CORPS

{Top} **Application form for appointment as Cadet-Midshipman.** ***{Center}*** **Entrance examination.** ***{Below left}*** **Physical examination.** ***{Below}*** **Entrance to Cadet School, San Mateo, Calif.**

TOWARD A CAREER

cated centers throughout the United States, its territories and possessions.

Successful candidates are then ordered to a United States Navy facility for a Naval Reserve physical examination for appointment as Midshipman, United States Naval Reserve (inactive).

Appointments as Cadet-Midshipmen are made on the basis of the standing made in the competitive test and in relation to State quotas which are based on population.

To those who have proven themselves qualified in all respects, notices of appointment are forwarded together with orders to report to one of the Cadet Schools at Pass Christian, Miss., or San Mateo, Calif. Travel expenses at 5 cents per mile are paid after satisfactory completion of Fourth Class courses.

{Top} Group reporting at Cadet School. *{Center}* Issue of uniforms. *{Below right}* Cadet-Midshipmen marching to first meal. *{Below}* Cadet School, Pass Christian, Miss.

CADET-MIDSHIPMAN, FOURTH CLASS

The successful candidate, having been sworn in as Cadet-Midshipman, reports to one of the Cadet Schools where he will spend his first year as a Plebe with the Cadet Corps.

After a brief indoctrination period, the courses of instruction begin in earnest. The curriculum includes not only the professional studies such as Navigation, Seamanship, Marine Engineering, Electricity, etc., but, also, Physics, Mathematics, English, History, Science, and other first-year college subjects in the social sciences, natural sciences and humanities.

Practical application of the classroom studies is obtained in well-equipped laboratories and aboard training vessels.

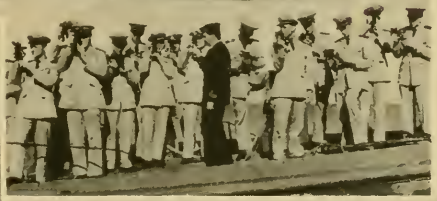
All Cadet-Midshipmen receive instruction and training in Naval Science and Tactics, as is given in Naval ROTC units at universities. The entire curriculum is laid out with the objective of giving the Cadet-Midshipman a basic knowledge of the duties and problems that will confront him during his Third Class year on merchant ships, and lay a foundation for future academic work at Kings Point.

The social and recreational requirements of active young men are not overlooked. Dances, smokers, movies, and trips to points of interest are regularly scheduled.

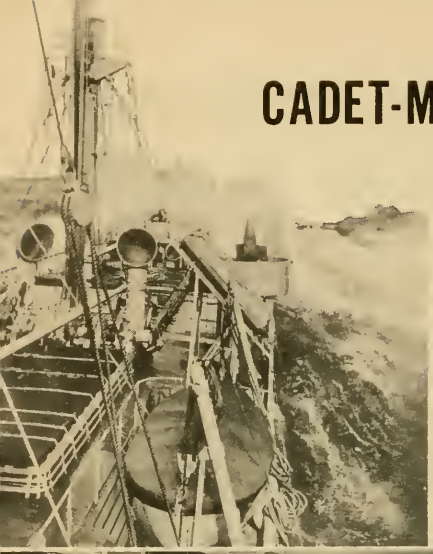
The Cadet Schools are well equipped for all kinds of sports and all Cadet-Midshipmen are required to participate in intramural football, baseball, swimming, tennis, basketball, and other sports.

Cadet-Midshipmen at first review.

STUDIES— ACTIVITIES—RECREATION —AT CADET SCHOOLS



CADET-MIDSHIPMAN, THIRD CLASS



Cadet-Midshipmen of the Third Class spend approximately 1 year at sea on board merchant or training vessels. This is one of the unique and outstanding points of the educational program offered by the Cadet Corps and it gives the Cadet-Midshipman an opportunity to learn at first hand about the ships upon which he will later serve as an officer.

While aboard ship, the Cadet-Midshipman receives $82.50 per month, plus quarters and subsistence. He lives with the officers and eats at the officers "mess." Six hours per day are devoted to ship's work, 2 hours per day are allotted for study. In addition, the Cadet-Midshipman is expected to devote 2 hours of his own time for study assignments.

{Top} Merchant vessel in rough sea. *{Center}* Cadet-Midshipmen's room aboard ship. *{Above}* S. S. *America*. *{Left}* S. S. *Delbrazil*—C3 passenger and cargo ship.

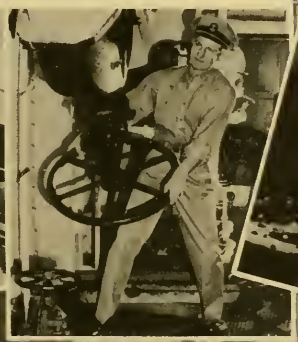
THE SEVEN SEAS ARE OUR CAMPUS

Assignments to vessels are made by the District Supervisors in New York, New Orleans, and San Francisco. Instructors attached to these offices, and at the Panama Canal Zone, visit ships carrying Cadet-Midshipmen with the purpose of inspecting the Cadet-Midshipmen, checking their work, assisting them in every way possible with their study and work assignments, and conducting quarterly examinations.

The year at sea, in addition to serving as a practical laboratory, affords the Cadet-Midshipman a wonderful travel opportunity, with visits to foreign countries the world over.

{Right} Cadet-Midshipman (Deck) taking sight from bridge. *{Below}* Foreign scenes such as these are well-known to Cadet-Midshipmen. Their travels take them to the countries on the Seven Seas.

{Below} Cadet-Midshipmen (Third Class) report aboard for sea duty. Cadet-Midshipman (Engineer) opening overboard discharge. Instructor checks progress on study assignments while vessel is in port. Cadet-Midshipman checks cargo.



CADET-MIDSHIPMAN — SECOND AND FIRST CLASS

Upon completion of his Third Class year at sea, the Cadet-Midshipman reports to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, at Kings Point, Long Island, N. Y., as a Second Classman.

The Academy now consists of approximately 60 acres on which are located numerous permanent buildings. Of modern design, the buildings at Kings Point provide every facility for the education of future ship's officers.

The faculty consists of carefully selected regular officers of the United States Merchant Marine, and other specialists, who, because of their experience, ability, and aptitude, are able to transmit their knowledge to Cadet-Midshipmen.

{Top} The bark training vessel *Emery Rice* (Ex RANGER *Nantucket*). This famous vessel is now moored at the Academy at Kings Point. *{Below}* Academy scenes.

AT THE ACADEMY AT KINGS POINT, NEW YORK

The courses of study at Kings Point, as at the Cadet School, are all on a college level. These courses include professional subjects such as marine engineering, navigation, electricity, ship construction, naval science and tactics, and, also, courses in economics, business administration, languages, history, science and other subjects in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

An act of Congress authorizes the Academy to award Bachelor of Science degrees to its graduates upon accreditation by the Association of American Universities.

{Top} Regiment on review. *{Right}* Cadet-Midshipmen's room. *{Below}* Training vessel *Kings Pointer*. *{Below right}* Engine laboratory. *{Bottom}* Cadet-Midshipmen (Engine) at class. *{Bottom right}* Chart room.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

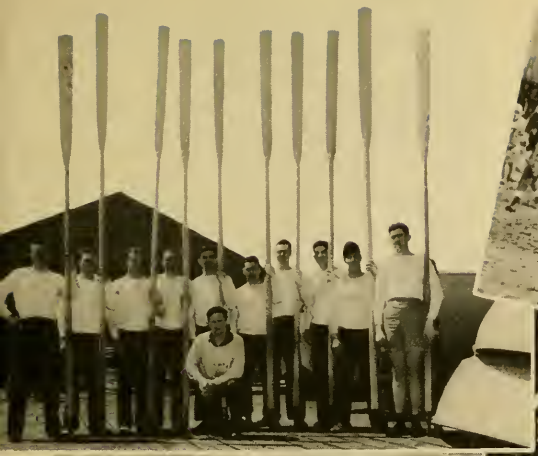
Fully aware of the fact that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," an extensive program of sports and other extracurricular activities is carried out, thoroughly supervised by qualified personnel.

Great stress is placed on intra-mural activities so that all Cadet-Midshipmen will have an opportunity to participate in sports and derive the benefits that come from such competition.

Teams representing the Academy compete with major colleges in football, baseball, tennis, swimming, and other recognized sports.

Activities open to all Cadet-Midshipmen include:

"Midships" (year book)	Orchestra
"Polaris" (monthly publication)	Band
Rifle Team	Movies
Debating Society	Dances
Glee Club	Camera Club
Philosophers Club	Radio Club
Religious Activities	Propeller Club
	Yacht Club



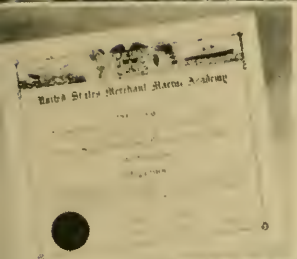
NAVAL TRAINING AT THE ACADEMY AND CADET SCHOOLS

Cadet-Midshipmen also hold concurrent appointments as Midshipmen, Merchant Marine Reserve, United States Naval Reserve, and while in the Cadet Corps, all are required to complete successfully a full course in Naval Science and Tactics which is conducted by Naval officers. The purpose of this training is to enable all Cadet-Midshipmen to qualify as commissioned officers in the United States Naval Reserve.

During the war, approximately 2,000 Kings Point graduates served as officers with the Navy. The United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps is justly proud of the outstanding records made by its graduates in the Navy.

Under peacetime regulations, graduates may qualify for a tour of active duty in the Navy as commissioned officers.

GRADUATION DAY



{Top} Graduation scene. *{Left}* The diploma. *{Below}* Wedding of a graduate.

The Cadet-Midshipman is justly proud as he steps forward to receive official recognition of his 4-year course. He is now a qualified Deck or Engineer officer in the Merchant Marine and he holds commissions as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve and the United States Maritime Service. A degree of Bachelor of Science will be awarded upon accreditation of the Academy by the Association of American Universities.

Along with his classmates, he can look forward to an active, remunerative, and interesting career as an officer aboard ships of the Merchant Marine in which he may attain positions of command or Chief Engineer. With sea experience, he may later follow other graduates into related activities of the shipping industry and Government service, such as Port Captain, Port Engineer, Marine Superintendent, Superintending Engineer, Operating Manager, Personnel Officer, Traffic Department, Shipping Company Representative in foreign service, Ship's Servicing, Ship Construction, Piloting, Naval Architectural Engineer, Admiralty Law, Export-Import Business, or Government Service.

He is confident as he looks forward to the future for, whichever path he takes, he has the training and education to bring him success.

{Left to right} Among the graduates: (1) Commander Jack M. Windas, Class of 1942, Master S. S. *San Mateo Victory:* (2) Russel H. Holm, Class of 1942, Marine Estimator; (3) Murry Morse, Class of 1942, former Chief Mate S. S. *Fred Herrling*, now Editor of Nautical Magazine, The Log.

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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

(a) The candidate must be a male citizen of the United States, native born or naturalized at least 10 years prior to the date of filing application.

(b) Be unmarried.

(c) Be not less than 16½ and not yet 21 years of age for approval of application to take scholastic test; at least 17 years when ordered to take physical examination. Discharged veterans, armed services and merchant marine are granted an age waiver to twenty-fourth birthday and are also allowed five points additional on competitive scholastic test.

(d) Produce evidence of credits from accredited schools consisting of 15 units as follows:
Two in mathematics (including one in algebra, one in plane geometry).
Three in English.
One in science (except biology).
Nine electives.

(NOTE.—*Credit will be allowed senior high school students for studies in progress at time of application—subject to satisfactory completion.*)

(e) Take competitive scholastic test held throughout the country.

(f) Pass the physical examination required by the Navy for appointment as Midshipman in the United States Naval Reserve.

(g) Possess a firm desire to pursue a life-long career in the Merchant Marine.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS HELD IN APRIL AND NOVEMBER

Application forms and a catalog giving detailed information will be mailed upon request. Address all communications to: Supervisor, U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps, Training Division, U. S. Maritime Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

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